



**DMHAS/River Valley Services  
JOB OPPORTUNITY  
Recovery Support Specialist ~ RSS  
(Possible underfill as Recovery Support Specialist Trainee {RSST})  
RV# 107082**

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**Open To:** State Employees  
**Location:** River Valley Services ~ Lower County ~ Old Saybrook, CT  
**Program/ Unit:** Community Support Program (Lower County)  
**Annual Salary Range:** RSS \$38,791.00 to \$52,591.00 (Annually) RSST \$37,071.00 to \$50,359.00 (Annually)  
**Hours/Schedule:** 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday: Friday 10:00am-5:30pm  
**Closing Date:** October 28, 2016

**Duties include but are not limited to:** The Recovery Support Specialist is part of a multidisciplinary Community Support Team (CSP). The position provides rehabilitative and support services to clients that are strength-based, client-centered and trauma-informed. The Recovery Support Specialist delivers services primarily in community settings with a focus on skill building, development of natural supports and establishment of positive community connections. This team member provides mentoring, peer support and skill development to assist clients in achieving their individualized recovery goals. The Recovery Support Specialist serves as a role model to clients by establishing and fostering relationships that value trust, support, hope, safety, individuality and wellness. Services are multi-faceted and emphasize areas such as self-worth, choice, personal growth, connection, boundary setting, crisis management, education, and communication, use of community resources and meaningful activity and work.

**General Experience and Training:** Completion of the Recovery Support Specialist Certification Program required.

**~ COPY OF REQUIRED RSS CERTIFICATION MUST BE FAXED OR MAILED IN WITH APPLICATION ~**

**Special Requirements:** Incumbents in this class must possess and retain a current/valid Motor Vehicle Operator license. Incumbents in this class are required to travel. **Incumbents in this class must complete the RSS certification prior to applying. Certificate must be faxed with the application.**

**Working Conditions:** Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain clients and may have significant exposure to infectious and/or /communicable diseases, strongly disagreeable conditions and risk of injury.

**Career Progression:** After completion of six (6) months of successful and satisfactory performance as a Recovery Support Specialist Trainee, an incumbent will be moved to the Recovery Support Specialist classification (*on the first pay period following the completion of the six (6) month requirement*).

**To be considered for this position:**

- 1 **DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (example: Head Nurse applying to a Head Nurse posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed
2. **DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates** must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
- 3 **All other applicants** must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

**Note:** Applicants will be selected in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion, collective bargaining unit contract language, merit employment lists and DMHAS affirmative action goals. Therefore, State employees will generally be considered before applicants from outside State service.

**Application Instructions:** Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a cover letter, a resume, and an Application for Employment to:

**PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO:**  
**DMHAS/River Valley Services**  
**P.O. Box 351**  
**Middletown, CT 06457**  
**Fax: (860) 262-5055**  
**[RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV](mailto:RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV)**

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